The Government have been keenly alive to the fact that the supply of hard coke to the State has fallen much short of the demand and have raised the issue with the Government of India and the Coal Controller repeatedly. This was taken up by the Minister for Industries with the Union Minister for Steel, Mines and Fuel in October last, as a result of which the allotment of bye-product coke was stepped up to 29 wagons per month and beehive hard coke to 14 wagons per month. On this the Union Minister stated that as the availability of hard coke could hardly meet fifty per cent of the demand in the country, a proportionate cut had to be made in the quotas of all the consumers. The mater has also been raised repeatedly at the official level with the Coal Controller with a view to securing ad hoc allotments from time to time. The Coal Controller has also been persuaded to allot more nut coke to the State so that the demand for beehive hard coke could, to some extent, be reduced.

In addition to the steps taken by them to obtain additional allotments of hard coke for consumers in the State, the State Government have also impressed on the Government of India the need to establish a coke oven plant in Madras to secure a lasting solution to the problem of coke supplies to the foundries in the State. It is hoped that the Govenment of India would soon accede to this proposal.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(3) BILLS RECOMMENDED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR CONSIDERATION.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration in the Legislative Assembly of the following three Bills :—

(1) The Madras Iruvaram Inam Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1962);

(2) The Madras Minor Inams (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 3 of 1962); and

(3) The Madras Lease-holds (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 4 of 1962).

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS IRUVARAM ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 2 OF 1962); (2) THE MADRAS MINOR INAMS (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962) L.A. BILL NO. 3 OF 1962) AND (3) THE MADRAS LEASEHOLDS (ABOLITION AND CONVERSATION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 4 OF 1962).

*THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, as a matter of procedure, I suggest that all these three motions may be moved together and a common discussion held inasmuch as all the three Bills are going to be considered by Joint Select Committees the members of which are the same.